

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:30 p.m. Committeemen Newton, Racite, Brown and Pelura were present. Mr. Dennis was on vacation and unable to make this meeting. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Police Chief, E. Gilbert-Public Works.

Mayor Pelura called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Pelura spoke of an organization which does a great job and the representatives from both Penns Grove and Carneys Point should feel proud, along with the MAPSA. He said this is the Police Explorers. Tonight we will be honoring Zataya Hutchings and Catrena Clair who are receiving awards from the MAPSA organization upon their High School graduation. Sgt. McDonough thanked both for taking part in the Police Explorers program. Ms. Clair has been in the program since 2008 and will be going away to college and Ms. Hutchings joined in the fall and is going to be working with the Salem County Prosecutors Office Jr. Police Academy program. The Chief said there was an award ceremony last week with the Prosecutors Office and Chiefs of Police and our Police Explorers Organization both Penns Grove and Carneys Point Officers were honored. He said their program has been designated as a model because they do so well.

Motion that **all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton to accept **Monthly Departmental reports for May 2012** and all were in favor.

Dr. Racite motioned to approve the **Administrative Comp. Time Report**, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura motioned to approve the minutes from the **Regular Committee meeting held on June 6, 2012**. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Pelura mentioned 3 **Park Permits #33 through 35** being for birthday parties at the Rec. Complex on various dates. Dr. Racite motioned to approve all the park permits, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. The Mayor mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Karen Rubino, Deputy Court Administrator to attend a seminar on comprehensive review of ATS/ACS reports and notices. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Brown asked the cost. Mayor Pelura said there is no cost associated with this seminar. All were in favor. Mayor Pelura said there is a **Social Affairs Permit** for the Pennsville Library at the Sportsmen's Club on July 21st. Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Resolutions 2012-104
RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the two remaining liquor licenses in the Township. Motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Resolution 2012-105
LOSAP

Dr. Racite made a motion to approve the LOSAP payments to each volunteer member that met the criteria, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-106

NAME CHANGE TO COURT BANK ACCOUNT

Dr. Racite made a motion to approve the removal of the former Deputy Court Administrator's name from the Court bank account and add Karen Rubino current Deputy Court Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Resolution 2012-107

NAME CHANGE TO COURT BANK ACCOUNT

Mr. Brown motioned to remove the name of the former Deputy Court Administrator from the Court Bail account and add Karen Rubino current Deputy Court Administrator. Motion seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-108

REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Dr. Racite to authorize a refund of taxes to Block 109, Lot 3 in the amount of \$626.27 for a duplicate payment. Both the mortgage and owner paid taxes. A unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-109

APPOINT TAX AND ASSESSOR CLERK

Mr. Newton made a motion to appoint Margy Taylor to the Tax and Assessors offices, making her a full time employee, seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-110

CHANGE WORKING HOURS OF ELIZABETH RUHL

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to increase the working hours of Elizabeth Ruhl to 30, with no health benefits, seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-111

CHAPTER 159

Dr. Racite motioned to authorize an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2012 budget in the amount of \$1,133.22 under the caption Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Resolution 2012-112

RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE JIF

Motion was made by Dr. Racite to authorize a three year agreement with the Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Brown asked if there will be an increase. Mayor Pelura said this is just the renewing of the agreement and that will happen in the fall. All were in favor.

Resolution 2012-113

ACCEPT RULES ASSOCIATED WITH RENEWAL IN JIF

Dr. Racite motioned to accept the JIF renewal bylaws, rules, regulation, and operating procedures, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Ordinance 869

An ordinance amending Chapter 125 of the Carneys Point Township Code and providing for a revised Land Development Checklist. Motion to introduce was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Correspondence: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter of thanks from the Penns Grove – Carneys Point Library for the Public Works Dept. They helped make the Library look nice on their reopening day by picking up the trash on a non scheduled pick up day.

Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from the YMCA on using the ball field and Dunns Park for their summer camp. Motion to allow this was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura mentioned another letter from the Family Enrichment Network to use the front lawn of the YMCA for a free family fun day on July 28th. Mr. Brown said he heard the insurance was being updated by the Y to include moon bounce houses and such. Mayor Pelura said yes they are but this event is not sponsored by the YMCA. Mr. Brown said we need to make sure they have the proper insurance. Any decision has been tabled until they know of insurance. Motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Old Business; Mr. Gilbert spoke of the aerators at Lakeview Woods not functioning. He said he could call around to get them evaluated to determine if it is cost effective to fix them or if they have to be replaced. Mr. Gilbert said the Township does not own the pond but we do mow around it. He said with the warm weather it will not take long before algae starts to grow.

Mr. Gilbert spoke of the bid opening for the Municipal Building Roof project. The bids received exceeded the engineers estimate and would like to know the direction of the Committee. Mayor Pelura said the Engineer felt the estimate was in line. Dr. Racite motioned to discard the bids and rebid the project, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. Mr. Brown said he is concerned on how long will this process take and that it gets done before winter.

Under New Business; Mayor Pelura said because of some personnel changes in the Township Mrs. Stout was asked to contact Rutgers College for the chance they would be holding the tax collection classes this fall and if they could hold them here. Mayor Pelura said years ago classes were held here in the Municipal Building courtroom and one person from the Township got to take the class for free. The Class will be held on Fridays from September 7th to October 12th. Motion to approve was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura said at the last meeting about the possibility of Carneys Point offering dispatching services to Pennsville Township. A draft contract was sent to Pennsville for their review and approval. It looks like they will be approving it tomorrow night at their meeting. In order to keep moving forward this contract which starts on August 1st needs to be approved before June 29th. The Committee was e-mailed a draft copy to review. The Mayor said we will wait until the Meeting on July 2nd.

Public Participation: Gerald Baber with the County Dispatching made the comment he has always been spoken to honestly. He asked the Mayor if he or any of the Committeemen took a tour of the 911 center. Mayor Pelura said at the end of February he, the Chief and Dr. Racite took a tour and spoke to the Director. He said he inquired into the County taking on Carneys Point. At this time no money was ever been discussed. Mr. Baber asked if there was any contact with Evan Ford at the County. Mayor Pelura said he spoke to Freeholder Dale Cross liaison to the 911 Center and was told there was a budget issue at the County and they were unable to take on Carneys Point at this time. He did say he would see if they could put some figures together and get back to me, if we could wait. Mr. Baber asked if Mr. Cross made you feel they did not want to work with you. On the contrary Mayor Pelura said he wanted us to wait and they would likely work something out. Mr. Baber said a contract was prepared and was supposed to be given to Carneys Point for review. Mr. Baber said you taking on Pennsville will cost 8 people their jobs at the dispatching center. In the mean time Mayor Pelura said letters were sent to Penns Grove and Pennsville on dispatching services. He said he spoke to Freeholder Cross on letting the Dispatchers know we may be looking for dispatchers. Mr. Brown asked if the County is did so well then why are Police Departments looking to leave the County. The Chief said Carneys Point never had County Dispatching and that is why they started negotiating with Pennsville. He said at Chief's meeting this year concerns were expressed about the County Dispatching. Mr. Baber said keep an open mind and look at all the facts.

Richard Gatanis of Pinewood Ave. said the Committee has the obligation to the residents to look at all the facts before making a decision of doing dispatching for Pennsville. Mr. Gatanis said he has a copy of the contract the Township was supposed to receive. Mayor Pelura said Freeholder Cross said the County is not ready to take Carneys Point on and they are not ready to offer a contract. Mayor Pelura said a lot of thought and time was put into this agreement.

Joe Hiles CWA Employee at the County asked questions about our coverage and equipment. The Chief said a station will be added and that he feels the coverage will be good. Mr. Hiles asked about training. The Chief said they will be certified to degree they need to be certified. Mr. Hiles asked about benefits. The Mayor said part-time no, full time yes. Mr. Hiles asked about a Union. The Mayor said yes they have a Union.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked if the Committee is going to see what the County offered before a decision is made. Mayor Pelura replied "no" a decision has been made and he feels it is a good offer. Mr. Baber intervined saying that Evan Ford had a contract on or about March 7th but was told by the Freeholder Board to mind his business and the contract was dropped. Mr. Baber said the Mayor never received the contract. So, the Mayor said a meeting was not missed in order for him to get the contract because there was never a contract to get. Mr. Brown said all along he has asked for numbers to be written down for the shared service with Pennsville, and has not gotten anything as of yet. He made a motion to hold off on the contract with Pennsville until the figures can be obtained from the County. The Township does not have all the facts yet and we need to do what is right for the residents of Carneys Point. Motion was seconded by Mr. Newton. The vote was yes by Mr. Newton and Mr. Brown for holding off and getting information from the County first and no by Mayor Pelura and Dr. Racite. The motion fails because of the tie.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

Resolution 2012-114

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Racite motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Newton and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:57 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Brown and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:23 pm with the following action being taken.

Resolution 2012-115

APPOINTING TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Mr. Newton to appoint Anne F. McCarthy to the position of Tax Collector at a salary of \$14,999 starting June 20, 2012. Motion was seconded by Dr. Racite and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Racite to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Approved: 7-2-2012


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk